

national historical park, and allow other sites associated with the Defenses of Washington that are owned by the District or a unit of state governments to be affiliated with the national historical park through cooperative agreements. This bill would also require the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the storied history of the Civil War for both the North and the South, including the history of the Defenses of Washington and the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, being assembled; arrayed and conveyed for the benefit of the public for the knowledge, education and inspiration of this and future generations. Last year, I was able to have a hearing on this bill. Although the National Park Service testified against this bill, I feel strongly that the Defenses of Washington need additional recognition and should be redesignated as a national historical park.

The Defenses of Washington were constructed at the beginning of the war, in 1861, as a ring of protection for the nation's capital and for President Abraham Lincoln. By the end of the war, these defenses included 68 forts, 93 unarmed batteries, 807 mounted cannons, 13 miles of rifle trenches and 32 miles of military roads. The major test of the Defenses of Washington came with the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, when Confederate Lieutenant General Jubal Early, directed by General Robert E. Lee, sought to attack the nation's capital from the north, causing Union forces threatening to attack Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, to be withdrawn. General Early was delayed by Union Major General Lew Wallace at the Battle of Monocacy on July 9, 1864, and was stopped at the northern edge of Washington at the Battle of Fort Stevens on July 11–12, 1864. The Shenandoah Valley Campaign ended when Union Lieutenant General Philip Sheridan defeated General Early at the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, on October 19, 1864.

Nearly all the individual forts in the Defenses of Washington—on both sides of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers—were involved in stopping General Early's attack, and the Battle of Fort Stevens was the second and last attempt by the Confederate Army to attack Washington.

Taken together, these battles were pivotal to the outcome of the war and the freedom and democracy that the war represented for this country. It is therefore fitting that we recognize these sites by redesignating them as a national historical park.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN HONOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM).

State Statute and then Common Council Resolution established the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, on May 1, 1944, to address the need for affordable housing in Milwaukee.

Entering its 75th year, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee provides affordable

housing to almost 11,000 households in the City of Milwaukee through its public and affordable housing programs and Housing Choice Voucher program. Its mission is to foster strong, resilient, and inclusive communities by providing a continuum of high-quality housing options that support self-sufficiency, good quality of life, and the opportunity to thrive.

During the past 75 years, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee has provided stable affordable housing to thousands of families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans. They first accomplished this by acquiring a city-built, WPA-assisted development, and subsequently by creating almost a thousand units of housing for veterans and building other innovative developments; including the first high-rise designated specifically for the elderly and one of the first housing authorities to develop public housing single-family homes.

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee works with its residents to provide them a pathway to self-sufficiency through its many initiatives and collaborations in areas such as public safety, accessibility, job training and workforce development, educational support, energy efficiency, financial literacy, environmental stewardship, household savings and homeownership.

It has done this as a national leader in creating healthy, safe, vibrant, transit-oriented, sustainable, mixed-income communities of choice. They have transformed neighborhoods and continue to be innovative in their methods and services, as well as flexible in responding to the affordable housing needs in Milwaukee. The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee is a strong supporter of Emerging Business Enterprises, with over \$20 million dollars annually in contracts supporting minority and women-owned enterprises.

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee has partnered with multiple federal agencies to bring housing and services to its residents and has been awarded multiple federal competitive grants, resulting in new and revitalized developments, including the very first completion of a HOPE VI grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee has been recognized locally, nationally, and even internationally with dozens of awards for both its buildings and its services from organizations such as the American Planning Association, U.S. Green Building Council, Governor's Council on Financial Literacy, the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University, Congress for New Urbanism, the State & Local Energy Report, The Environmental Protection Agency's Sustainable Communities Program, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, National League of Cities and the Sierra Club.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I am pleased to honor the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee. This agency continues to be an innovative leader in affordable housing and makes the 4th Congressional District a better place to live and work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
MICHELLE "MISSY" LANGER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Michelle Langer, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Michelle far too soon.

For 12 years, Michelle, also known as Missy, was a faithful administrative assistant for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach. She had plans to retire soon. An Ohio native, Missy's heart was drawn to Virginia Beach and she decided to call it home. Missy's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Missy will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DEARBORN POLICE CORPORAL GORDON MORSE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Corporal Gordon Morse for his many years of service to the Dearborn Police Department. Corporal Morse recently retired after twenty-five years of exemplary work with the department.

Corporal Morse began his service at the Dearborn Police Department in 1993. In 2002, he was selected to be a K-9 Officer. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of roles including as a field training officer, a range officer, explorer advisor, and department chaplain. Corporal Morse has represented his department by engaging in significant outreach to the Dearborn community through school and church demonstrations. He has also served as an instructor for the Oakland Police Academy K-9 Training Center for fifteen years. In this role, he trained numerous police officers and has created a safer environment for everyone in the Dearborn community.

Corporal Morse served the Dearborn community in various roles for a total of twenty-five years. His commitment to protecting the Dearborn community has impacted hundreds of his fellow officers and residents. His work training officers has been crucial to the continued safety of Dearborn, and his outreach efforts have strengthened the relationship between his department and the community. His exemplary service stands as a role model of the dedication, sacrifice, and commitment of our police officers. His dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish him good health and every happiness in his retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the twenty-five years of service of Police Corporal Gordon Morse to his country and to the Dearborn, Michigan community. His commitment to public safety is worthy of commendation.